



## Giving Challenge!

As you know the holidays can be quite a challenge for families struggling to make ends meet. To help with this need the Rockin' Roosters 4-H club is challenging all 4-H members to participate in a food drive for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. The club is sponsoring a contest for the most food collected by a Club (based on total club membership) and by a 4-H member. They would like to see each club bring in at least 25 pounds of food. Don't forget to ask your friends, family and neighbors to help!

Collection date for the food is December 14 starting at about 1:30PM at the Gallatin Valley Mall Theater. In addition to the contest prizes, we will have a special movie showing for donating 4-H members for a reduced fee at about 2PM but we need to know how many will be there. **You must RSVP your plans to attend the movie (how many of you) by December 8 to the office 388-3213 or [gallatin1@montana.edu](mailto:gallatin1@montana.edu) and you'll need your food bank items to get in!** Let's show the community how 4-H gives back!

The food bank takes in non-perishable food items, but the listed items are what they need the most:

### Canned Goods:

Refried Beans  
Peanut Butter  
Chunky soup, beef stew  
Canned peaches, pears, applesauce,  
mandarin oranges, pineapple  
Spaghetti Sauce (no glass jars)

### Dry Goods:

Hamburger, Tuna, or Chicken Helper  
Cold Cereal  
Hot Cereal  
Pasta - egg noodles, spaghetti, and macaroni  
Pinto beans

Don't forget to bring your food items and **Respond So Very Promptly (RSVP)**!

## Engineering Innovation Essay contest

Have you ever wondered what goes through an engineer's mind when she is designing a new product? It takes creativity as well as attention to details and design requirements. Often engineers will use an object as an example and then make improvements for safety, function, or attractiveness. Sometimes a design works best when it is simple, an other times it requires complicated calculations. This contest is open to individual girls and boys in each of three categories, 3rd-5th grade, 6th-8th grand, 9th-12th grade. Entry deadline is March 1, 2009. Winners will receive a prize from \$100 to \$500. Find more information at the National Academy of Engineering website: <http://www.engineergirl.org/?id=10104>

## Livestock Marketing Workshop Requirements

The Livestock Sale committee is asking that every livestock project member to attend a marketing workshop, prior to attending Fair. Why a special workshop? The committee feels it is very important that every member gains the experience of marketing their animal and bringing a buyer to the sale. The workshop will include everything from finding a buyer to recognizing a buyer after the sale. This year the workshop will be mandatory for everyone, then required every other year, similar to Animal Quality Assurance.

For those of you that have participated in at least two sales, the committee would like you to help at the workshop or bring in a sample/ packet of what you have done in the past to market your animal(s) for the sale to the Extension Office for review by the sale committee. Workshop dates will be set for February or March. Marketing samples/ packets will need to be turned in to the office by the last workshop date.

## Window Display Winner - Manhattan Tater Gems

Congratulations and Thank You to all clubs that participated by putting up a window display during National 4-H week. The theme this year was "Keeping It Green" and as you can see by the picture of the Tater Gems' display, they exemplified the theme wonderfully. They will be awarded a pizza party. Their window was full of creations made from recycled products. They had everything from animals to wind-mills to air-planes to you name it and it was there. Way To Go!!!!

